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BLACK TIDINGS.

The seizure of Captain von Papen's personal memoranda by the British, despite their guarantee of safe passage, may have been a violation of the spirit of the guarantee given, but if London dispatches can be trusted, it is evident that most important material has come to light, —data that will have a direct bearing on public sentiment in the United States and that may be expected to facilitate the investigations now underway.

According to the information received, von Papen's correspondence proves that he was engaged in dynamiting plots, that he expended considerable money in aiding his ruses to accomplish their purpose, that he repeatedly transgressed every principle of neutrality, that he risked American lives most ruthlessly in his eagerness to destroy munitions plants and to prevent the shipment of war materials to the Allies.

Photographic evidence of all this, dispatches declare, is on the way to Secretary Lansing. To jump at the conclusion, lacking exact knowledge, would be perilous, but if Captain von Papen is guilty of the outrages fixed upon him by the alleged correspondence, it is a great pity that his diplomatic cloak enabled him to escape trial in the United States. It would seem, in any event, that the Nation has need for increased vigilance for the security of its people and institutions, which may depend upon sharp eyes and ears.

It's millions for defense.

As we live to learn we learn to live.

For Heaven's sake don't run down the devil.

Verdi left New York.¹² More music on the high C's.

Latest atrocity in hyphen-Roosevelt-Republican combine.

When a man gauges himself by the clocks in stockings, he keeps fast time.

Conflicting reports are no indication that American newspapers don't favor peace.

It is not what a man knows that profits him most; it is what he knows he knows not.

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Equally close: the pot at the end of the rainbow and the near-end of the shortest argument.

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THE EXPOSITION.

The Gulf Coast Exposition opens Wednesday, Jan. 19. It will be a success.

A number of citizens have staked in the cause, seeing the advantage to be derived from a South Texas fair.

Thousands of visitors will be present during the four days. They will glimpse the possibilities of this section of the State, see an accurate reflection of its agricultural and commercial progress.

The exposition is in the nature of a beginning, but it will be much greater than citizens generally have imagined. Considerable interest has been aroused; the spirit of friendly rivalry has been touched; neighboring towns are striving to take away the prizes.

But neither exhibits nor out-of-town crowds will measure the success of the program. Unless Corpus Christians take an active personal interest in their own show, it will drag and fail of its object. It takes enthusiasm to make any project go.

There is one thing that we desire to mention in addition: it will pay merchants to decorate, and to decorate lavishly. Heretofore, decoration has been undertaken haphazardly, according to no fixed scheme. This apathy has cost criticism and dulled trade, for the crowd is touched by the spirit of environment and responds to holiday effects.

Let us practice abundant hospitality, and make this exposition a standard to go by. In many ways it affords us an opportunity to hitch on to the streak of optimism that has recently emerged from a year of sluggish trade.

RIGHT AND WRONG.

In many respects Jane Addams stands with the foremost American thinkers. Her sex has not hampered her activities during a life devoted to the welfare of the race. She has been a close observer and has shaped her life's work according to the maximum of possible service, always laboring in the sunshine, dissipating the shadows. But Miss Addams thinks in a peculiarly feminine way when she pleads with President Wilson to give up the program of preparedness, insisting that the demand for military activities is the product of the present war and therefore abnormal.

Miss Addams is right in saying that the call is abnormal. It is an abnormal necessity made plain by an abnormal possibility—an abnormal probability. There is no reason whatever to believe that this is the last terrible conflict that civilization will fall heir to. There is less reason to believe that the United States, being rich in excess of every other nation, will not be made the natural target for some foreign expedition. Just think of the indemnities that could be wiped out by the conquest of the Americas!

THE SANER COURSE.

Many wild things have been said of Mexico. Oral intervention was declared many months ago, and now numberless fiery fanatics of speech are being twisted about the necks of those Chihuahua assassins, all to no good purpose. Among the temperate opinions that we have seen in print, none is more pointed than that of Mayor Robert McComb, of Laredo: "Let Americans remain in their own territory, and let the Mexicans shoot out their own troubles." Mayor McCullum is unusual in this respect; he sees clearly without having a chance to look at the situation from a distance.

Colquitt's restraint deserves applause. In replying to Bob Henry he used but 2800 words and at least a third of them meant something.

Houston Chronicle: "Children in pictures are very popular."¹³ We guess it's because when they get into pictures they can't tell Sis Ann's age to her last hope or say what daddy said when he hit the big wicker rocking chair with his right ankle in the middle of the night.

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have been put into a sad light, either for being too hard or too slack in our opinions. But once we know we have chosen wisely. We have stuck by Henry Ford thick and thin, and have insisted that however crass his course of action, his heart was in the right place, and now since the previous pens Mr. John Stayton of the Corpus Christi Caller, whom we esteem very highly, of Judd Mortimer Lewis, and State Press, whom we love very much, have all moved in their various styles of hieroglyphic to express kindly sentiments concerning Mr. Ford's mission, comes our other friend Mr. Jim Lowry of the Honey Grove Signal, with a generous reasoning. Mr. Lowry compares Ford with Don Quixote and says that "the man who is moved by such noble impulses cannot make a failure, even though his hopes are never realized," and quotes from Florence Marion's set of stanzas whose concluding read:

"Better dream possessed, to falter down
In failure than to sinker like a down
Over the dream. God give us grace
to see
The grandeur in the soul of humanity."
J. M. D., in Denton Record and Chronicle

JOE BACKS US.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Jan. 11.—Editor Commercial:—Dear Mr. Rountree—I have received your paper with an article headed "Corpus Christi, The Great." These fish stories of John Stayton, D. B. Clarkson, Congressman McElroy and Senator McCallum are all true and there is not a man in Corpus Christi who will not vouch for every one of them. I think a million ducks enough don't you? However, more ducks are necessary, we have them. We have other good things in Corpus Christi, too, and we are going to have a Gulf Coast Exposition here this month. Mrs. Rountree and yourself must be sure and be on hand. We are going to have a division of the United States army, a good live stock show, Workman's shows for a Midway, or Chicken Walk; we will have Elks, Masonic Shrines, Knights of Pythias and a parade that is the main thing—a parade; we will have all the bands in South Texas in that parade, with red fire and plenty of fun. Come to Corpus. We are waiting for you.

Fraternally yours,
Joe J. Nixon
Georgetown Commercial

JEALOUS JOE.

The Denton Record-Chronicle's young lady affirms that she is the editor of the Corpus Christi Caller very rightly, and considers Editor Lowry of the Honey Grove Signal a good friend, but Judd Lewis and State Press she loves very much. That she is a discerning writing individual is easily apparent, and State Press would have been hurt had she left him off her list. But why should he bring her into his heart again? Then she brings State Press into it is very much appreciated by him, but he is very much prouder to those of his own people and prides in his own accomplishments. All the same State Press realizes that a poet, even though bold-headed and a big sister, has an advantage over the ordinary run of men. Therefore, if S. P. has to divide his niche with anybody he would make choice of an antiquated and unimpressive person like the editor of the Georgetown Courier, who is known in Texas as Lee Broomster—J. J. Taylor, "State Press," Dallas News.

EVEN BEYOND.

If, as Governor Ferguson contends, Eastern financiers are eager to "meet the State halfway," why don't we put on a big excursion to St. Louis?—Corpus Christi Caller.

It is the sort of financiers who head the big life insurance companies the governor referred to, and, of course, he had these in mind—the people of Texas, not to be outdone in courtesy, will go more than half way to meet them. Instead of meeting them in St. Louis, they will meet them at Philippi, which is quite a distance east of St. Louis, Texas people never do things by halves—Major More Harris, in Texas Republic.

WATSON'S QUESTION.

It is hardly too soon to mention the meeting of the Texas Press Association at El Paso, for El Paso is planning a program of entertainment that will be remembered as long as the organization exists. Here's anticipating, El Paso! Come on in—Corpus Christi Caller.

You are counted. How many mermaids do you want counted as constituting your retinue? J. H. Averett, in Austin American.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Our idea of a slim excuse: Fairbanks for President.—Corpus Christi Caller.

Since the Republicans will have a slim chance of electing a President, seems to us Fairbanks is their logical candidate—Benton News.

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WELL, WE CAN SPARE BOTH.

Sitting here in our shirt sleeves, within a stone's throw of ripe oranges, it is difficult to realize that New York City is fighting the great polar bear—Corpus Christi Caller.

True, but you are supplying the gun and ammunition.—Austin American.

EXCEPT THE PESSIMIST.

Austria takes a belligerent attitude in connection with the sinking of the Ancon. Austria evidently thinks that the United States has an unlimited supply of note paper.—Corpus Christi Caller.

And knowing Jeff, and his two dots as well as you do, you know that he doesn't say a double distilled dandy whether you, or any one else approves of his arrangement of President Wilson. If he thinks the administration has erred he will say it if it takes the hide. Jeff is just simply built that way and he can't help it, you know.—Henry Ellis, in Denison Herald.

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"Was there much mourning in society among the gentry when the catch of the season was engaged?" "Well, all the belles were told."
—Baltimore American.

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THE FIRST STATE BANK.

It was learned that the report dwell upon the shortage of officers and men on vessels of the fleet.

The Exposition

A Treat in Store.

It is pleasing to the friends of the Marine Gun Troop of the Third Cavalry that General Parker and Colonel Blockley found it possible to include them in the detail of soldiers to make the trip to Corpus Christi during the Gulf Coast Exposition. The Troopers have had their share of harder duty the past few years and have been kept close at work, while several organizations of the army have been sent to Fairs and other places. Corps Christi has a treat in store when the Marine Gun Troop goes into action, for the drill calls for strenuous work and the Troopers have drilled hard to perfect themselves. The members of the organization are chosen from the ranks of the other units of the service on account of their special fitness for the work. The Third Cavalry Marine Gun Troop are proud of the organization and thronged around the horses and men of the gun crew, and held a child upon the saddle and held a small innocent boy in their arms and said to him, "Look at me, I am a soldier, and I am a good soldier." The gun crew responded, "Yes, we are good soldiers." The gun crew then said, "We are good soldiers, and we are good soldiers."

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